



Typical countryside fire

Haxon Fire 1837

We last week gave an account of a fire at Fittleton. In naming the place we were incorrect, it was at Haxon, near Netheravon, which adjoins the former place.

Eight cottages, six barns, and some outhouses were destroyed. It is supposed that the fire was accidental, arising from an overheated flue. We are happy to state that the property was in part insured, and that no lives were lost. Too much praise cannot be given to Mr William Stagg and to Mr Bates, to whose exertions the stopping the progress of the flames is entirely to be attributed.

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A subscription has just been set on foot to relieve the necessities of the poor of Fittleton, who suffered in the late calamitous fire which happened there on the 25th ult by which event upwards of fifty poor persons, having nothing but their labour to depend on, were deprived of almost all the necessities of life. The subscription, we learn, is limited to one shilling from each individual; and Mr T B Smith, bookseller & etc has undertaken to receive such subscriptions from the charitably disposed in this town and neighbourhood.

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Subscriptions in behalf of the poor people who are suffering from the late destructive fire at Fittleton will be cheerfully received at the Printing-office in the Canal, where a subscription list has been opened for that purpose, The contributions are limited to a shilling each from such of our readers as shall feel disposed to assist in this benevolent work.

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